

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-22 (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A candle forming device, comprising:
an outer kiln that defines a chamber;

an inner mold having a closed bottom and an open top,
wherein the inner mold is sized for selective placement into and
out of the chamber of the outer kiln;

a heating assembly having a flat heating surface positioned
to support the inner mold and heat the inner mold via thermal
transfer from the flat heating surface;

a heat sink attached to the inner mold, wherein the heat
sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the
inner mold and for selective placement into thermally conductive
contact with the flat heating surface; and

a wick placement assembly configured to hold a wick in place
between the open top and the bottom of the inner mold.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) The candle forming device of
claim 23, wherein the bottom of the inner mold is formed with a
channel for receiving the wick and the wick placement assembly
comprises a means for preventing molten wax from flowing from the
inner mold.

26. (currently amended) The candle forming device of claim
25, ~~further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold,
wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive
contact with the inner mold and for selective placement into
thermally conductive contact with the flat heating surface, and~~
wherein the heat sink is formed with a hole for allowing the wick
to at least partially pass through the heat sink.

27. (previously presented) The candle forming device of
claim 23, wherein the inner mold comprises handles positioned

near a top portion of the inner mold and the handles are configured to facilitate placing the inner mold into and out of the chamber of the outer kiln.

28. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 23, wherein the heating assembly includes an electrical resistance heating element.

29. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 23, further comprising a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly.

30. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 23, further comprising a control assembly for controlling operation of the heating assembly and wherein the control assembly comprises a primary operating control for selectively activating and deactivating the heating assembly.

31. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 30, wherein the heating assembly further comprises a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly and the control assembly further comprises means for selectively controlling the operation of the thermostat.

32. (previously presented) A candle forming device, comprising:

an outer kiln having a top and a bottom, the outer kiln including a base at the bottom and at least one sidewall extending upward from the base to an opening at the top of the kiln, the opening being substantially perpendicular to the sidewall, whereby the base and sidewall define a chamber;

an inner mold having a closed bottom and an open top, the inner mold being sized for selective placement into and out of the chamber via the opening at the top of the kiln;

a heating assembly within the chamber for heating the inner mold; and

a wick placement assembly configured to hold a wick in place between the open top and the bottom of the inner mold.

33. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold near the bottom of the inner mold, wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold.

34. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the bottom of the inner mold is formed with a channel for receiving the wick and the wick placement assembly comprises a means for preventing molten wax from flowing from the channel.

35. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 34, further comprising a heat sink attached to the inner mold near the bottom of the inner mold, wherein the heat sink is positioned to be in thermally conductive contact with the inner mold, and wherein the heat sink is formed with a hole for allowing the wick to at least partially pass through the heat.

36. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly has a flat heating surface positioned to support the inner mold and heat the inner mold via thermal transfer from the flat heating surface.

37. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly comprises a shaped heating element within the chamber extending upwards from the base along

the sidewall positioned to heat the inner mold via thermal transfer from the shaped heating element.

38. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the inner mold comprises handles positioned near a top portion of the inner mold, wherein the handles are configured to facilitate placing the inner mold into and out of the chamber of the outer kiln.

39. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a removable lid for selectively closing the opening of the outer kiln, thereby substantially sealing the chamber.

40. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, wherein the heating assembly includes an electrical resistance heating element.

41. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly.

42. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 32, further comprising a control assembly for controlling operation of the heating assembly and wherein the control assembly further comprises a primary operating control for selectively activating and deactivating the heating assembly.

43. (previously presented) The candle forming device of claim 42, wherein the heating assembly further comprises a thermostat for controlling the temperature of the chamber by regulating the thermal output of the heating assembly and the control assembly further comprises means for selectively controlling the operation of the thermostat.